I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department of Information Technology (Department) engages participation with Tribal Communities in key information technology initiatives. Where appropriate the Department will assist Tribal Communities in collaborative opportunities to ensure cost effective telecommunications access within the State of New Mexico (State).

The Department has limited collaborative agreements with Tribal Communities except in the areas of Broadband Planning, Telecom Public Safety, and Geospatial Technologies. Native representation on DoIT hosted committees that support these initiatives provide a seamless discussion with regards to statewide solutions in communications and mapping. These efforts are reflected in Tribal representation on the Department's Broadband Executive Committee (BEC), the Geospatial Advisory Committee (GAC), and the Public Safety Network Planning Committees. In addition, the Department has a representative who serves on the Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI) in an educational advisory role.

Within the coming Fiscal Year, the Department will finalize the development of the Statewide Public Safety Network Planning Committee that will include all levels of government and be inclusive of tribal representatives both in the executive and local levels.

II. AGENCY OVERVIEW / BACKGROUND

a. Agency Overview

The Department serves as the single executive branch agency to consolidate enterprise information technology (IT) services and provide additional services and functionality to improve IT systems in the executive branch.

The Department provides information technology (IT) enterprise products, services and solutions with the goal of improving and streamlining State IT systems and consolidating services duplicated within agencies to promote cost savings and efficiency. The Department also provides state government’s communications infrastructure, including
voice, radio, video and data, and operates the state Data Center.

The Department is dedicated to improving services, maintaining security and building a stronger technical infrastructure that helps state government better serve the public.

While the vast majority of the services provided by the Department are internal to state government, the degree to which these services have an indirect and at times a direct impact to Native Nations are possible with a collaborative model. Moreover, with an increasingly connected populace, the services that the Department provides may be leveraged by other entities. Where possible the Department will seek to assist Tribal interest to leverage IT investments and strategically move forward in new technological arenas. In an era where efficiency is important to provide citizens with the services they deserve, the Department will continue to excel in offering innovative solutions for cost-savings and standardization.

b. Mission Statement

Mission:
The mission of the Department of Information Technology is to provide cost effective and efficient enterprise products, services and solutions within a secure and reliable environment for our customers through leadership, strategic planning, standards, policy, architecture, and oversight.

Vision:
The vision for the Department of Information Technology is to improve efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of state services and be the trusted leader in delivering enterprise information technology services and solutions that enable the State to better serve the public.

Values:
Professionalism - High Standard of Excellence and Ethics
Reliability - Building Trust Through Proven Dependability and Security
Accountability - Committed to Success
Innovation - Promoting Creativity and Agility to Deliver Solutions
Communication - Establishing Effective Partnerships with Our Customers

c. Agency Background

Enacted with the 2007 Department of Information Technology Act, the Department was created to “consolidate enterprise information technology services duplicated within executive agencies and provide additional information technology services and functionality to improve and streamline the executive branch’s information technology systems.”

The Department consolidates all functions formerly administered by the Office of the Chief Information Officer, the Communications Division and Information Systems Division of the General Services Department into a single, executive branch department. In addition to the responsibility of consolidating and providing Enterprise IT services, the Department provides the core technical infrastructure which includes the State Data Center and the infrastructure for voice, radio, video, and data communications. The
Department is also responsible for the oversight of IT projects, plans, and procurements ensuring compliance with State IT rules and standards.

III. AGENCY EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT POLICY

Describe agency’s efforts in FY2014 to communicate, collaborate and consult with tribes as described in your Tribal Collaboration and Communication Policy.

The Department developed and implemented a Tribal Collaboration and Communication Policy **DOIT-361-109-A**. The purpose of the policy is to foster, facilitate, and strengthen positive government to government relations between the Department and New Mexico’s Native Nations. The following are the Department’s Policies and a description of effort:

5.1: The Department shall comply with New Mexico State Statue 11-18 NMSA 1978 State-Tribal Collaboration Act and make a reasonable effort to collaborate with Native Nations in the development and implementation of policies, agreements and programs of the Department that directly affect Native Nations.

**EFFORT:** The Department engages the Tribal Community through three formal committees that include the Department New Mexico Broadband Program Executive Committee (BEC), the Department Geospatial Advisory Committee (GAC), and the Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI). This engagement will be expanded with Tribal involvement in the New Mexico Public Safety Network Planning Committee.

5.2: The Department shall designate a Tribal Liaison. The Tribal Liaison shall serve as a contact person who shall maintain ongoing communication between the Department and affected Native Nations. The Tribal Liaison shall work with the Native Nations programs to improve state-tribal interactions and resolve potential issues in improving the delivery of Department services to Native Nations.

**EFFORT:** The Department designated a Tribal Liaison; Gar Clarke. Mr. Clarke serves as the contact person who maintains ongoing communication between the Department and Native Nations. Mr. Clarke works with the Native Nations programs to improve State-Tribal interactions and resolve potential issues and identify opportunities that may benefit the State and Native Nations in improving services. He is also the staff support to the Broadband Executive Committee, Chair of the Geospatial Advisory Committee, serves on the SIPI advisory committee, and a participant in the State Public Safety Network Planning Committee.

5.3: The Department shall ensure that employees are provided with training, technical assistance and other supports necessary to work within culturally diverse communities.

**EFFORT:** Each year the Department Tribal Liaison on behalf of the Cabinet Secretary sends an email to all employees asking if any staff having professional involvement with Tribal entities to contact the Department Tribal Liaison to schedule Cultural Competency Training. Currently, nine employees including the Department Tribal Liaison, have projects that include Native Nation participation. Each of these employees is current in Cultural Competency Training and a list of staff is available upon request.

5.4: Employees shall participate in ongoing professional development and in-service tribal protocol training for building knowledge awareness and skills in the area of cultural competence.

**EFFORT:** Each year the Department sends an email to all employees asking if there is any professional involvement with Tribal entities. Respondents are required to attend Cultural Competency Training. A list is being maintained. In addition, the Department Tribal Liaison participates in periodic meetings requested by the Indian Affairs Department (IAD) and attends the annual Governor’s Tribal Summit.
5.5: The Department shall submit an Annual Report, no later than July 31st to the Indian Affairs Department on the activities of the Department pursuant to the State-Tribal Collaboration Act; New Mexico State Statue 11-18-4-C NMSA 1978.

EFFORT: The Department makes every reasonable effort to comply. However, there is not a budget to support neither a Department Tribal Liaison nor preparation of the annual report. In addition, the report is due during a difficult time (June/July) when end of year contract and procurement issues are vastly accelerated. A suggestion, that the Department Tribal Reports due date be changed to at least one month previous to the Governor’s Tribal Summit.

IV. CURRENT AND PLANNED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR AMERICAN INDIANS / ALASKA NATIVES

Provide a description of current and planned programs and services provided to or directly affecting American Indians or Alaska Natives and the amount of funding for each program.

- **Current Activities:**

- **Department of Information Technology** (Funding: No direct funds to Tribal) - The Department provides services and information technology oversight to the State of New Mexico's executive agencies, and operates on a cost recovery basis for the services provided. The Department's activities in the areas of data services, telecommunication implementation, public safety networks, broadband planning, geographic information technology, digital microwave services, and cyber security has relevance to Tribal entities. In order to provide “Government to Government” services; establishing agreements between specific tribes and the Department will benefit our communities.

Resources:
- DoIT: [http://www.doit.state.nm.us/](http://www.doit.state.nm.us/)

- **Geospatial Advisory Committee** (Funding: No direct funds to Tribal) - The Department Geospatial Advisory Committee (GAC) advises the Department Secretary and CIO on issues and standards regarding Geospatial Technologies. GAC is also a coordinative body for statewide projects that include collaborative data acquisitions that benefit Tribal Entities. The GAC voting members include Tribal representatives from BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs - Navajo) and Pueblos. The intent of the GAC in support of Tribal business include:

Resources:
- The GAC will serve as the point-of-contact for all State of New Mexico geospatial activities that includes local, state, tribal, federal, non government organizations, and private interests.
- The GAC will enable coordination of data sharing between state, federal, local, and tribal entities through a digital catalog of geospatial data.
- The GAC will work with local, state, tribal, and federal agencies, the private sector, and Non Government Organizations (NGO), to build collaborative relationships and partnerships.
- GAC Website: [http://www.gac.state.nm.us/](http://www.gac.state.nm.us/)
New Mexico Broadband Program (Funding: No direct funds to Tribal) - The NM Broadband Program (NMBBP) includes a Tribal Representative on the Executive Committee that meets monthly (See “Executive Committee” Below). During the last year the NMBBP has assisted the Navajo Nation in a collaborative project with the State Tribal Librarian and the Navajo Community Services in conducting a broadband gap assessment of all New Mexico Chapter Houses. This project resulted in the procurement of Navajo Funds to “fix” the broadband services to the Chapter Houses. A redacted report is attached as part of the Appendix to this document. Note, some of the data has yet to be verified. Another project currently in place is a similar Broadband Gap Analysis of Pueblo Senior Centers within the State. A report is forthcoming and will be a part of next year's document. In addition, the NMBBP has offered to the Tribes a number of resources that include access to broadband adoption mapping services, broadband speed testing, Digital Literacy Training Materials, support in locating facilities with computer access, a series of videos that describe the value of broadband adoption, and an application that is assisting Tribal Entities to update “facility” locations and information about those facilities (schools, libraries, fire stations, law enforcement, and government buildings).

Resources:
- NMBBP: http://www.doit.state.nm.us/broadband/
- Executive Committee: http://www.doit.state.nm.us/broadband/exec_committee.shtml
- Native Nations Statewide Map: http://www.doit.state.nm.us/broadband/map_statewide.shtml
- County Availability Maps/Statistics: http://www.doit.state.nm.us/broadband/map_county_availability.shtml
- Facility Editor Mapping: http://nmbbmapping.org/bbcrowd/
- Broadband Availability Map: http://nmbbmapping.org/mapping/
- Videos: http://www.doit.state.nm.us/broadband/video.shtml
- Speed Test: http://www.doit.state.nm.us/broadband/speedtest.shtml
- Guidebook: http://www.doit.state.nm.us/broadband/reports/NM_Broadband_Guidebook_v1_1_final.pdf
- Public Internet Training and Access: http://nmbbmapping.org/pita/
- Training Materials: http://www.doit.state.nm.us/broadband/training/resources.shtml

Planned Activities

New Mexico Broadband Program (Funding: Approximately $50K for Tribal) – The NMBBP is planning a Telecommunications Infrastructure Mapping Project with the Navajo Technical University (NTU). A work plan has been developed (See Appendix) and awaits a time when NTU resources will be available to implement.

SIRCITS Project: (Funding: No direct funds to Tribal) - The Department has developed a telecommunications voice and data broadband initiative for the State of New Mexico referred to as the Statewide Interoperable Radio Communication Transport System (SIRCITS) that is a Federal and State funded initiative. This is a statewide broadband network that integrates voice, video, and data transmission by converting 105 State owned analog communication towers to digital. This project has been completed and outreach to Tribal Entities to use this network in currently in progress.
SLIGP/FirstNet Project: (Funding: No direct funds to Tribal) - State and Federal funding are available to develop a Public Safety Statewide Network that will be guided by national standards overseen by the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet). The initial increment is a State and Local Infrastructure Grant Program (SLIGP) that will include all public safety entities in New Mexico. Tribal representation on the Planning Committee is being requested.

V. TRAINING AND EMPLOYEE NOTIFICATION

To date a total of nine (9) Department staff have attended the State Tribal Collaboration Act Competency Training held at the State Personnel Office in compliance with the Tribal Collaboration and Communication Policy DOIT-361-109-A, Section 5.

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